

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Amend paragraph [0040] as follows:

[0040] Preferably, the capstock resin 17 is a methacrylic acid-based resin material that has a heat deflection temperature and glass transition temperature similar to the polyvinyl chloride based substrate material 21 (between approximately 165 and 220 degrees Fahrenheit) and forms a clear surface when extruded. Further, the capstock resin 17 should be compatible with the polyvinyl chloride material substrate material 21. One preferred capstock resin 17 that meets these requirements is the impact modified poly methyl methacrylate, Acryligard CS-103, available from Rohm and Haas Company of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Another preferred clear methacrylic acid resin 17 is TufCoat 4840, available from Lucite Corporation of Cordova, Tennessee. Other impact modified poly methyl methacrylates can also be used.

Amend paragraph [0041] as follows:

[0041] If additional UV protection is desired, even though this is not necessary in accordance with the broad aspects of the invention, the methacrylic acid based capstock resins 17 could also contain a small percentage of titanium dioxide. The TiO_2 helps to block and scatter ultraviolet rays that can discolor or otherwise degrade the polyvinyl chloride based substrate 15. Two preferred methacrylic acid-based resins 17 having titanium dioxide include the impact modified poly methyl methacrylates, Acryligard CS-104, available from Rohm and Haas, and TufCoat 5000, available from Lucite Corporation. Other impact modified poly methyl methacrylates can also be used.